

BY PETITION TO THE SULTAN

Three Hundred Thousand Women Address the Sublime Porte.

EFFORTS FOR AN ARMENIAN'S RELEASE

Women's Board of Missions Takes Up the Case of a Man Who Was Imprisoned by the Turks for Translating a Document.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Rev. C. T. Sweeney of Columbus, Ind., who was consul general to the Ottoman empire during Mr. Harrison's administration was in the city today. He came bearing a petition representing 300,000 Christian women—the Christian Women's Board of Missions—praying the sultan for the release of Sahag Mahdis, an Armenian, who exile at Moorook in the Sahara, Mr. Sweeney presented the petition yesterday to the secretary of state, asking his friendly office in forwarding it to Minister Terrell at Constantinople and requesting him to present it to his majesty in behalf of the ladies. The story of Sahag's supposed offense is as follows: Some years ago he was teaching for American missionaries in an interior town in Turkey. A young man of the village came to him with a writing in Armenian and requested him to translate it into Turkish. Sahag did so with great accuracy and the young man, who the young man took it and wore it upon his breast in the market place. It was a passage from the scripture proclaiming the coming Kingdom of Christ and the Turkish officials naturally concluded that it meant the overthrow of the Ottoman empire and arrested the young man for communication with the Kingdom of Christ. Sahag translated the paper, and, although shown to be perfectly innocent of any conspiracy, he was sentenced to life imprisonment. He was carried to Tripoli, where they were forced to accept the Mohammedan religion. They were sent by caravan to Moorook, twenty days' journey, where the young man died of the cruel treatment, but Sahag is still living.

When Mr. Sweeney was consul general at Constantinople he opened up communication with Sahag through the kindly offices of a British consular officer, who forwarded money to him by private merchants. The Turkish government refused to allow Sahag's friends to send him money or in any way communicate with him through the postoffice department. News of the terrible treatment which the poor fellow had undergone reached his friends in Turkey and through them the Christian people of America. As a result the above petition was prepared and forwarded to the attention of America that the personal attention of his majesty will be called to this case and that Sahag will be released, after a short stay in the city of the Baltimore & Ohio at 12 o'clock today.

FOUND IN AN INSANE ASYLUM.

Real Sir Roger Tielbourn Said to Have Been Discovered in Australia.

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AND THE WALLS OF OTHERS CRACKED, ROOFS FELL IN AND CORNICES TUMBLED INTO THE STREETS.

Violent shocks were felt at 1 a. m. and 2 m. today. The earthquake at Oravica, became panic-stricken after the first disturbance and passed the night in the streets in spite of the severe cold.

MISS THOMPSON STARTED ON AHEAD.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Miss Thompson, daughter of the late Sir John Thompson, and Mrs. Sanford and her daughter, sailed on the White Star steamer Majestic, which left Queenstown today for New York. Senator Sanford will, with Sir Charles Tupper, accompany the remains of Sir John to Halifax on the cruiser Blenheim, which will leave Portsmouth at noon on Sunday. Minute guns will be fired while the body is being embarked on the Blenheim.

ARMENIANS WILL MAKE GLADSTONE A PRESENT.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The Armenian residents of Paris and this city will present a challenge to Mr. Gladstone on the occasion of the coming 85th anniversary of his birth, December 29. In September, 1874, Mr. Gladstone published his famous pamphlet on the horrors and the question of the east, and in March, 1877, there appeared another pamphlet, written by him, entitled "Lessons in Massacre."

DR. WEKERLE RESIGNS.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—A Vienna dispatch to the Chronicle says that Dr. Wekerle, the Hungarian prime minister, has tendered the resignation of himself and his cabinet to King Francis Joseph. His majesty has as yet made no reply.

SUPERINTENDENT ARRESTED FOR FORGERY.

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 20.—Frank Bradley, former superintendent of the Pullman Car works in Chicago, was arrested here today on a telegram from Detroit on a charge of forgery.

HEAVY SNOW IN THE NORTHWEST.

Railroad Traffic Practically Suspended in the Black Hills.

ALLIANCE, Neb., Dec. 20.—The snow for which farmers have been praying for a month is falling in all western Nebraska tonight. The storm is peculiar in all the features of a blizzard, with the exception that the weather is very mild. The storm began this morning in the Black Hills and continues with unabated fury tonight, as a high wind prevails. Communication by telegraph has been suspended on the B. & M. and Elkhorn lines here, with wires being rendered useless by accumulated snow. In this manner all news of the extent of the storm in the Hills is of a meager character, confined to the trains which arrived behind time tonight. They had experienced much difficulty in getting through the snow. A heavy snow at this time is absolutely the life of the winter wheat in Nebraska and South Dakota.

SANDSTORM IN COLORADO.

MONUMENT, Colo., Dec. 20.—A sandstorm and terrific gale visited here today, blowing the sand which accumulated everywhere without damage. There was no loss of life, however.

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STATUES UNVEILED AT THE CAPITOL

Presented to the Government by the State of New Hampshire as the Granite State's Tribute to Their Greatness—Little Other Business Considered.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The senate was called to order by Mr. Harris, president pro tem, in the absence of the vice president. The reading of the Journal was dispensed with and an motion of Mr. Cockrell, democrat of Missouri, the senate went into executive session immediately after meeting to permit Mr. Harris to enter a motion for a reconsideration of the vote by which the nomination of Judge Clark to be district judge of the eastern and middle districts of Tennessee was confirmed. In entering the motion Mr. Harris said that he had been informed of serious charges against Mr. Clark, which he thought should be investigated while there was yet an opportunity. This opportunity was found in the fact that the nomination of Clark had not elapsed since his confirmation, which took place on the 18th inst. The nomination of Robert B. Palmer as postmaster of Washington Court House, D., was confirmed. The doors were opened at 12:20 p. m. and the senate considered some routine business. Mr. Peffer, populist of Kansas, introduced a resolution on certain sorghum manufacturers in his state, but Mr. Gallinger, republican of New Hampshire, objected on the ground that it was not pertinent to come up to day, and permission was given to print in the Record.

The senate bill to revive the grade of lieutenant general in the army was presented by Mr. Hawley of the military affairs committee and placed on the calendar. Mr. Berry of Arkansas introduced a minority report regarding the passage of the bill (heretofore reported adversely from the public lands committee) forfeiting certain land grants to aid in the construction of a canal. A bill "to Develop Fourteen Transportation Routes to the Seaboard" was introduced by Mr. Butler of South Carolina, and one to amend the act of March 3, 1879, approved by Mr. Quay of Pennsylvania.

FEW SENATORS PRESENT.

There were not many senators present to witness the ceremonies of the presentation of the statues of Stark and Webster. The galleries were also sparsely occupied. Aside from the governor of New Hampshire and his staff, who occupied the front benches, and some New Hampshire ladies in the galleries, there was nothing to indicate that anything unusual was going on. The senators gave little attention to all the proceedings.

The senate then proceeded to the special order for the day—the speeches presenting to the government by the state of New Hampshire the statues of Stark and Webster. Mr. Chandler of New York first read a letter from the governor of New Hampshire, which was read and placed in statutory bill the status of her distinguished son. A resolution thanking the state was offered by Mr. Perkins of Ohio, and on this resolution Mr. Gallinger addressed the senate.

Mr. Gallinger devoted himself to a portrayal of the qualities and characteristics of the two great statesmen, and to a recitation of some of the great military achievements of General Stark, who, he said, was in many respects sui generis among the heroes and patriots of his day and generation.

Mr. Gallinger was listened to with close attention, among his auditors being Governor Smith of New Hampshire, who was seated at the head of the executive council, who occupied seats on the floor.

Senator Proctor of Vermont was the next speaker, but before he had begun his remarks he was interrupted by Mr. Cockrell (with Mr. Gallinger's permission), called up and the senate passed the house factious and urgent business. The resolution for the census office, Department of Justice, etc.

After Mr. Gallinger, Senators Proctor, Hawley, Dulais and Chandler delivered brief eulogistic speeches.

Regarding Webster, Senator Chandler spoke of his ancestry, of his father and mother, and gave a brief sketch of his life in New Hampshire, and sketched his career after he became a resident of Massachusetts,